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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Robert N. Hamlin

Our Docket No. 910458.DCI

For : MULTILAYER EXTRUSION OF ANGIOPLASTY BALLOONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR APPLICATION FILED UNDER RULE 1.60

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits of the above-identified United States patent application filed as a divisional application under Rule 1.60, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 23-25 and substitute new claims 26-41 for them.

~~26.~~ A method of forming a multi-layer expander member for attachment to an intravascular catheter body comprising the steps of:

~~(a) co-extruding an outer tensile layer consisting essentially of a biaxially-oriented polymeric film exhibiting high tensile strength and low distensibility, with an inner bonding layer consisting essentially of a polymeric plastic film adhered to the outer tensile layer, forming therewith a layer combination, the inner bonding layer further being one which adheres readily to a catheter body using a method selected from melt bonding~~